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Idaho August Red Meat Production Down 5 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2010 totaled 17.4 million pounds, down 5 percent from August of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2010 period totaled 134.9 million pounds, down 12 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.13 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in August 2009. Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 6 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,277 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 6 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,200 head, down 1 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from last year, at 254 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.11 million head, down 2 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago. January to August 2010 commercial red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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